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WILL TAKE THE PUBLIC INTO ITS CONFIDENCE

New Standard Company is Proposed by Leading Oil Men—One Official of the Old Standard Says the Company Has no Monopoly on Oil.

New York, Sept. 23.—A new Standard Oil company, with a capital stock of from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000, that will take the public into its confidence.

That is what is promised in an official statement issued from 25 Broadway today. It came out as a result of the publication of the fact that a reorganization conference was to be held at the home of H. H. Rogers. After saying that Mr. Rogers had not been consulted about Standard Oil affairs, since he became ill, the company's representative said:

"The statement that a conference of Standard Oil interests had been called for the purpose of changing the name of the company and effecting reorganization in general, is without foundation. We can do nothing in this respect so long as the company is under investigation. I can say, however, that as soon as the Standard Oil company has freed itself of the labyrinth of investigation now involving it, there will be a reorganization. The capital stock will be increased to an amount more in harmony with the assets, says to \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

"We also propose to issue periodical statements of earnings, operations, etc. We propose to give the representatives of the government everything in the way of information that it calls for, which is all we can do. If we are guilty of certain infractions of the law then practically all other corporations are guilty of the same offenses and should be treated accordingly. But we are confident of winning."

New York, Sept. 23.—The first information as to the nature of the defense of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in the government suit to dissolve it on the ground that

It is a monopoly in restraint of trade was given today when Attorney John G. Muburn, in cross examining Wesley H. Tilford, of the company, brought out the following assertions:

"The Standard has not a monopoly of the export oil trade, the supply of crude oil was not shut off from independent exporters to force them to enter an understanding but because the wells were insufficient; the Rocky Mountain Oil company, of Colorado, cut prices itself until they were below cost and killed itself; Schofield, Schurmer & Teagle's business was purchased only after the company had begged to be absorbed, there are over 5,000 holders of stock in the Standard.

Attorney Frank B. Kellogg, deputy attorney general, this afternoon began a research into the operations of the Tidewater Pipe company (limited) of Pennsylvania, and its dealings with the Standard. This company with its pipe line and connections with the Reading railroad, and the Jersey Central and a through service from the oil fields of western Pennsylvania to the seaboard.

Kellogg alleged that the Standard obtained from railroads competing with the Reading and the Jersey Central "extremely low and unremunerative rates" and purchased one-third of the stock of the Tidewater company so "injured and rendered so unremunerative that it was obliged to enter an agreement with the Standard in 1883."

The agreement was shown as an exhibit and provided for a division of the business by which the Tidewater was restricted to 11 1-2 per cent, while the Standard company took 88 1-2 per cent. The Tidewater was guaranteed an annual net income of \$500,000. Kellogg alleged that the agreement still is in existence and that by it all competition between the companies is suppressed and eliminated.

NEW DOUMA PROMISES TO BE IRRECONCILABLE

First Returns From Elections in Russia Indicate That the Radicals Will Sweep the Platter and That Some Stormy Sessions May be Expected When the Douma Assembles.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—First returns received today from the elections for the third Douma indicate a sweeping victory for the Radicals. It is expected that the complete results will show that the radicals will have a controlling power and there is every indication that the new Douma will be even more irreconcilable to the government than the last.

A hard struggle is predicted today between the Czar's advisors and the radicals, and it is believed the third Douma will be the scene of stormy demonstrations if the government tries to force the issue.

Despite the unprecedented precautionary measures taken by the radicals and popular organizations, many persons entitled to vote were afraid to cast their ballots.

BEEF TRUST MEN MAY BE INDICTED

Some of the Big Packers of Chicago are in a Fair Way to be Compelled to Face the Federal Court Because of Recent Jumps in the Price of Meats.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Indictments against men whose names are a power in the financial world are predicted by those who ought to know how much evidence United States Attorney Swift has obtained against the beef barons.

The following millionaires have been prominently mentioned in connection with the investigation by the federal grand jury: J. Ogden Armour, I. F. Swift, Ira N. Morris, Edward Morris, E. F. Swift, T. J. Connors, Arthur Meeker, Thomas E. Wilson, Lawrence A. Carlton, S. A. McRoberts.

They are directors of the National Packing company of New Jersey, the \$15,000,000 corporation empowered to do a general packing business and principal owners of the "big six" packing companies. Sims already has in his possession evidence that the railroads favor shipments of the big packers, and now he is said also to

be seeking to verify reports that the "big six" have divided the world between them. The division is said to give Germany and France to Armour, Swift and Cudahy; Great Britain to Nelson Morris, Armour and Swift; British colonies to Morris and Cudahy; America to all six companies; Russia to Armour and Swift and other countries to preferred corporations. Each company is given advantages in its respective territory, which enables it to win there.

Sims was today informed that shippers of fruit from Michigan points complained they are forced to pay extortionate charges to a private car monopoly said to be under the control of Armour & Company and the principal trunk lines, under this agreement.

The railroads are believed to receive a large part of these charges as compensation for granting the car company its monopoly.

O'LEARY IS NEARING HALF WAY POST

Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—Dan O'Leary on Monday started on his 35th mile of his 1,000 mile walk in 1,000 hours at Norwood Inn. A big crowd watched the veteran pedestrian doing his monotonous turn Sunday. O'Leary is now walking for twenty minutes of each hour and sleeping the balance of the hour as instigated by a physician. He is still hale and hearty.

NEGROES ORGANIZE

They will Fight Taft and Roosevelt in all Sections of the Country.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Reports of a concerted anti-Taft-Roosevelt movement on the part of the negroes of the country are causing alarm among the supporters of the Ohio candidate in this city.

Recent mass meetings in cities have, it is said, developed into a permanent organization among the blacks. Ultimately, it is to spread to all parts, say the promoters. Organizations have already been secretly formed in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

The leader of the movement is W. Calvin Chase, prominent among the negroes as a lawyer, and editor of the colored Republican newspaper, the Bee of Washington.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY

"Affinity" Kinder and Her Assistants are Arraigned in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Marian Grey, with her pretty private secretary and her only a shade less pretty three stenographers, waived examination today on the charge of running an "affinity" finding bureau, contrary to the postal laws. The \$1,000 bill that she produced so mysteriously at her first hearing was accepted again as bond. Inspector Stewart announced that if Miss Grey would assure the government that she is penitent and will quit the "affinity" business, the government would drop the prosecution. But Miss Grey, in court, looked anything but penitent. She has not answered the proposition so far.

HAND OF PROVIDENCE

Laid Low the Man Who Dared Deny and Defy the God.

Ada, O., Sept. 23.—Because Amos Clarke, forty, a farmer openly defied the Lord, it is believed that he was struck dead in his front yard Sunday. Clarke has been known as an Atheist for years, and Sunday, in the presence of his family and several neighbors, said there was no God and defied the supreme being to punish him. No sooner had the words left his lips than he was stricken and died a few minutes later.

CARELESS TOURIST

Causes a Runaway Which Results in Injury to Five Persons.

Fritchville, O., Sept. 23.—Four were badly hurt, one fatally, when thrown from a runaway, caused by the frightening of a horse by an automobile.

Mrs. Edward Millman is fatally injured. Her husband has his back sprained and his ribs broken. A son, Charles, is badly bruised. Miss Amelia Schafer is injured internally.

The four were riding in a farm wagon when an automobile, driven by a Wisconsin tourist, passed them. The horse was frightened and ran away. The wagon overturned, throwing out the occupants.

STRIKE CALLED

Telephone Situation in Montana Has Become Very Strenuous

Helena, Mont., Sept. 23.—As a result of the refusal of the business men of Helena to discontinue the use of telephones pending a settlement of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company's strike, the Helena trades and labor assembly affiliated with the Montana Federation of Labor, has decided to call a general strike.

The result of this action, it is said, will be a complete tie-up of the street car service in this city and the closing of hotels, manufacturing establishments, business houses and even saloons where the use of telephones have not been discontinued.

WILL PROFIT BY RUSSIA'S BLUNDER

Reason for the Administration's Determination to Send the Big Battleship Fleet to the Pacific is Made Public—Captain Johnson's Report is the Cause of the Disclosure.

Washington, Sept. 23.—After all the guessing and speculation is over as to the motives which impelled the president and a majority of the naval general board to order the battleship fleet to the Pacific, the consensus of opinion among officials here is that several causes contributed to bring about that decision.

A new factor, which some circles believe, may have been one of the most potent in influencing the president is found in a paragraph in a report by Captain William V. Judson, corps of engineers, one of the military observers with the Russian army in Manchuria during the last war. The report has just been published by the general staff and doubtless its contents were known to the president. In his report Captain Judson says:

"It is interesting also to reflect upon what would have occurred if at the outbreak of war the Russian fleet in the far East had been limited to a few protected cruisers all battleships being retained in home waters. It is quite evident that in such cases by the summer of 1905, a fleet might have been dispatched to the theater of operations with sufficient strength to crush the Japanese beyond the question of doubt. Indeed, it cannot be believed that the Japanese would have precipitated a war if the Russian navy had not been scattered to their liking. This is, to be sure, a naval question, but strategy is much the same on the land and on the sea, and one is forced to wonder why we maintain several battleships on the Asiatic station subject to destruction in case of sudden war."

Washington, Sept. 23.—While an engine and four cars loaded with gravel were being run onto the new track of the Baltimore & Ohio near Lodi today the ground opened up and the cars and engine dropped 12 to 15 feet into the earth.

The crest over an underground river or lake is supposed to have broken, as in less than an hour the cars and engine were covered with water. Two locomotives were hooked to the submerged cars and pulled them out of the hole.

Close by a highway disappeared a few days ago. Residents are frightened lest the earth's crust over the entire territory give way. There have been indications for years that the surface for miles about is insecure.

INDICTED DEAD MAN

Late Governor Steunenberg was Implicated with Senator Borah.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 23.—District Attorney Ruick, in his opening statement today to the veniremen summoned for the jury that is to try United States Senator Borah on the charge of being implicated in the government land frauds, announced that the late Governor Frank Steunenberg, killed by a bomb, had been indicted with Senator Borah after his death under the name of John Doe, but that the indictment had been kept secret because of the effect it might have on the Haywood trial.

POSSE SEARCHES FOR GIRL'S ASSAILANT

Notes Left at the Home of Thirteen Year Old Edith Mohler of Medina Indicate That She Knows Something of a Murder—Bloodhounds Put on the Assailants Trail.

Medina, O., Sept. 23.—A posse of officers and farmers, with bloodhounds is today seeking a man who assaulted Edith Mohler, thirteen-year-old daughter of Samuel Mohler, beating her into unconsciousness.

The scent led directly to a cemetery in the neighborhood. The man evidently had remained several hours in the cemetery, and the dogs traced him in and out around the tombstones, as if he had conspired the cemetery half a dozen times.

Mystery surrounds the cause of the assault on the girl. For weeks she had been threatened by a man of the neighborhood. Notes recently had been dropped at the door, warning the child not to tell "who did the murder."

Neighbors helped the father guard his house for two days, hoping to catch the writer of the notes. The guard was removed and a note immediately appeared.

"She must not tell who did the murder," it said.

The girl, who had partly returned to consciousness, relates that the man said, when he seized her: "Will you murder Jessie Birbeck?" The man's face was masked with a handkerchief. She did not recognize him. He blindfolded her, bound her hands with rope and her feet with chains, then beat her into unconsciousness. She was found in her father's barn.

Sheriff Hinkelstein and Deputy W. C. Smith brought a pack of bloodhounds from Lodi and organized a posse. The man has not been caught.

IMMUNITY FOR THE CHICAGO AND ALTON

The Announcement will be Made in Landis' Court Tomorrow—Government will Declare Immunity for Other Railroads Soon.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—The program of the federal authorities is to make the announcement in Judge Landis' court Tuesday at 10 a. m. that immunity has been granted the Chicago & Alton railroad from prosecution for giving the Standard Oil company rebates. This decision will carry with it commitment of the government to make later announcements of pledges of immunity to all the other railroads guilty of the same offense.

The administration has postponed the announcement in order to prepare for its reception. Much adverse criticism was aroused when it was made known that eight big railroad systems and their half a hundred officials had been promised immunity.

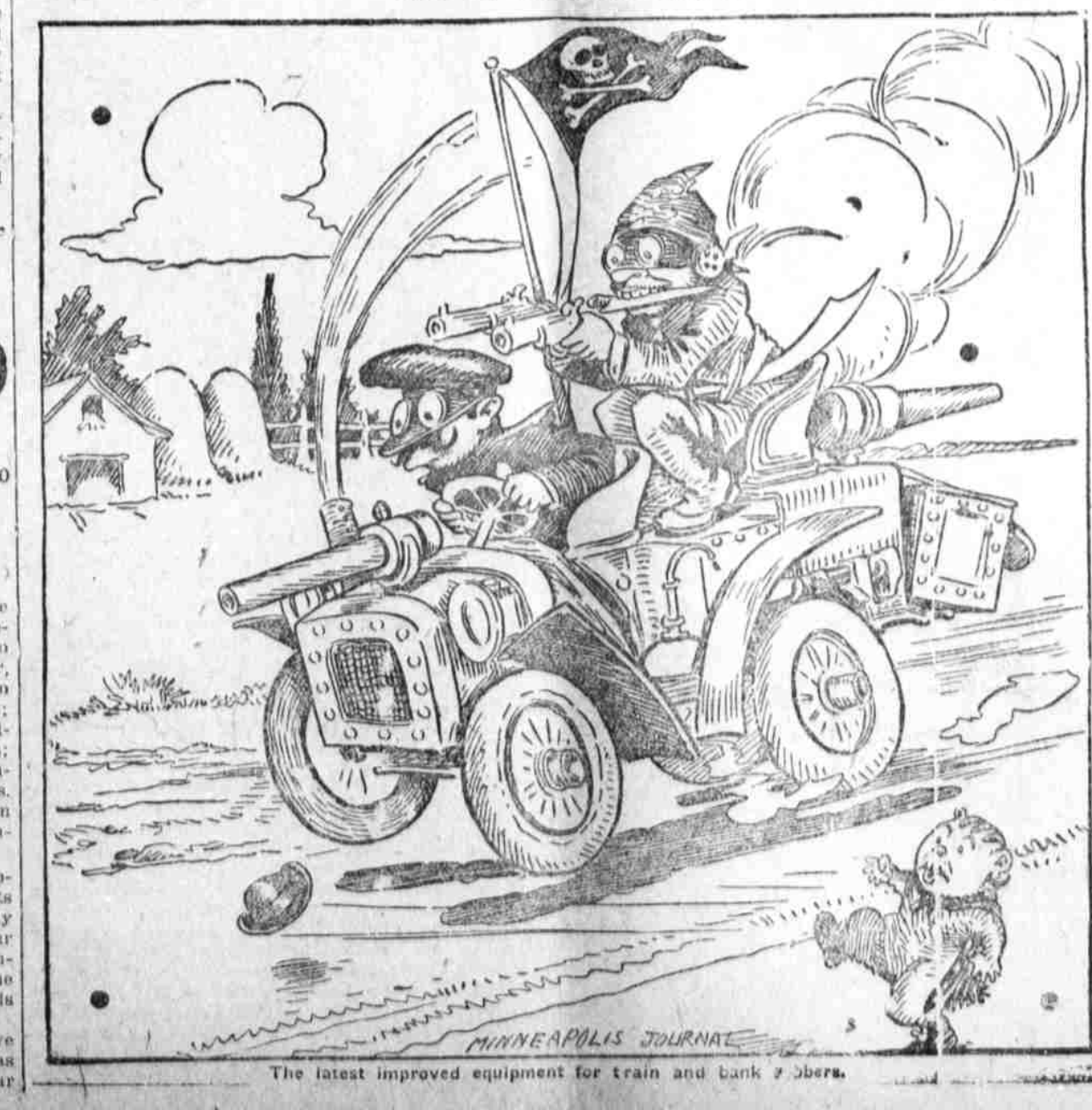
To counteract the unpopular reception of the immunity promises, it is said the administration will at once begin additional prosecutions of cases against the Standard Oil and urge collection of the fine of \$29,240,000 immediately after the court of appeals passes on the case.

An early prosecution of the unpunished members of the furniture trust may be used to occupy public attention. The beef trust investigation may also preclude unpopular views.

THIRTY-TWO INJURED IN RAILWAY WRECK
Washington, Sept. 23.—Thirty-two passengers were injured, none of them seriously, by the derailment of the Chattanooga and Washington limited train on the Southern railway just north of Ryan's siding early Sunday.

A broken rail was the cause of the accident. The train, composed of a baggage car, day coach and three sleepers left the track. The sleepers were almost destroyed by fire.

A special train was quickly made up and proceeded to this city with all the passengers of the limited.



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ALABAMA MOB STRINGS A NEGRO
Mobile, Ala., Sept. 23.—A dozen

masked men took Mose Dossett, colored, from two deputy sheriffs Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, three miles from this city and taking him into a swamp hanged him to a tree.

The crime for which Dossett was swung into eternity at the end of a clothes line was an attempted assault upon a widow residing in a suburb of this city. The lynching was done in a rainstorm and only one shot was fired at the man after his body was strung up.

Judge B. G. Young of the court of common pleas this afternoon appointed John Himmeger and George T. Geran as examiners of the county commissioners' annual report. They will start work this week.